



Friday Night Insight Programs Southeast Alaska Discovery Center

Every Friday evening from 7 to 8 PM the Southeast Alaska Discovery Center at 50 Main Street presents free audiovisual and speaker programs in the theater. We invite you to join us for education and entertainment about Alaska's ecosystems, wildlife, natural resources, public lands and native cultures.

March 2005

March 4: "Environmental Engineering on the Tongass National Forest." Kerri Roepke is an Environmental Engineer with the US Forest Service. One of the many goals of the Environmental Engineering Program of the Tongass National Forest is to prevent environmental contamination from occurring on the 17 million acres of the forest. The program also promotes recycling, good housekeeping and storage of hazardous materials, and compliance of federal, state and local environmental regulations. Field work for Environmental Engineers can include oil spill clean-ups, environmental inspections of timber sales, and property inspections for buying or selling land. This presentation will involve a description of this diverse program, and a discussion of how the public in Ketchikan can help insure a healthy environment for the Forest.

March 18: "Brief Overview/History of Law Enforcement in the U.S. Forest Service." Martin Badertscher, Ken Pearson and Rich Shreffler are Law Enforcement Officers with the U.S. Forest Service, Tongass National Forest. Most people think, 'Why does the Forest Service need law enforcement officers?' Here is their chance to answer and your chance to find out why. They will give a PowerPoint presentation on Law Enforcement activities within the U.S. Forest Service and Alaska region including federal subsistence laws.

March 25: "The Living Soil." Pam Frohne, a local soil scientist, will give an introduction to what soils are and what soils we have in southeast Alaska. This is a hands-on presentation! She will give participants the opportunity to grow their own soil microbes on Petri plates and see and feel the texture of different local soils. Come learn and have fun!

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